

CONSTRUCTED LINE BRATTICE SHALL BE USED FROM THE LAST OPEN CROSSCUT OF AN ENTRY OR ROOM, WHEN NECESSARY TO REMOVE GAS, EXPLOSIVE FUMES, AND SMOKE. IF DAMAGED, IT SHALL BE REPAIRED PROMPTLY.

(2) SPACE BETWEEN BRATTICE AND RIB.—THE SPACE BETWEEN THE LINE BRATTICE AND THE RIB SHALL BE LARGE ENOUGH TO PERMIT THE FLOW OF A SUFFICIENT VOLUME OF AIR TO KEEP THE WORKING FACE CLEAR OF FLAMMABLE AND NOXIOUS GASES.

(3) CONSTRUCTION OF BRATTICE.—FLAME-RESISTIVE MATERIAL SHALL BE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF LINE BRATTICE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 573(a) and (b), inclusive, of the Code. The "s" after "explosives" is proposed for deletion because the word "explosive" qualifies "fumes". The only other changes made are in style.

(J) OLD WORKINGS.—

(1) POSTING WARNINGS; SEALING OR VENTILATING.—THE ENTRANCE TO ANY ABANDONED WORKING SHALL BE POSTED TO WARN ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSON AGAINST ENTERING THE TERRITORY. EVERY ABANDONED WORKING SHALL BE SEALED OR VENTILATED.

(2) MANNER OF SEALING.—WHERE THE PRACTICE IS TO SEAL AN ABANDONED WORKING, IT SHALL BE DONE IN A SUBSTANTIAL MANNER WITH INCOMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL. IN EVERY SEALED AREA, ONE OR MORE OF THE SEALS SHALL BE FITTED WITH A PIPE AND CAP OR VALVE TO PERMIT THE GAS BEHIND THE SEAL TO BE SAMPLED AND PROVIDE A MEANS OF DETERMINING ANY EXISTING HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE.

(3) REUSING AIR IN GASSY MINES.—IN GASSY MINES, AIR THAT PASSES THROUGH OR BY ABANDONED SECTIONS OR VENTILATES PILLAR LINES MAY NOT BE REUSED TO VENTILATE LIVE FACE WORKINGS. MINES THAT CANNOT COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT, ON JULY 1, 1973, MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE UNTIL FUTURE MINE DEVELOPMENT AND VENTILATION CAN BE CHANGED TO PERMIT COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

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